# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:277
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL ON PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
KANTI SINGH

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Prime Minister has held a meeting in May, 2001, with all the political parties to discuss the 87th Constitution (Amendment) Bill on Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the stand the Government have taken on the Bill?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): In the Meeting of Leaders of all Parties in Parliament held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister on 19th May, 2001 in Parliament House, New Delhi, Leaders/representatives of 18 Political Parties were present. It was decided in the Meeting that the Constitution (87th Amendment) Bill, 1999 should be deferred and studied further in the wider context of Panchayati Raj in the country.